



April 2, 2019

Dear Representative,

On behalf of over 700,000 members of the Susan B. Anthony List, I am writing to urge you to support H.R. 962, the "[Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#)," by signing the discharge petition on H. Res. 102, [providing for consideration of H.R. 962](#).

Recent extreme action taken by legislators in New York and Virginia draws attention to the need for Rep. Ann Wagner's bill, H.R. 962, yet the House leadership has blocked over 20 unanimous consent requests for consideration. In response, Whip Steve Scalise and Rep. Ann Wagner have filed a discharge petition that would force a vote to provide federal protections for abortion survivors.

"The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" builds on the "Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2002," which clarified as a matter of federal law that "every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development" is a "person" for all federal law purposes. The 2002 law, passed with unanimous bipartisan consent, made explicit that this status applies irrespective of the manner in which the child was born alive, including via an attempted induced abortion.

H.R. 962 is designed to further clarify the duty of care owed to infants born alive during an attempted abortion. If born alive as a result of an abortion or attempted abortion, the child must be administered reasonable care and transported immediately to a hospital. Failure to provide this standard of care would lead to criminal prosecution. To be clear, a mother on whom an abortion is performed or attempted cannot be prosecuted. In addition, the mother has a civil remedy of action against the abortionist should he fail to comply with the law. This bill is about preventing infanticide pure and simple.

Polling conducted by McLaughlin & Associates on behalf of SBA List found that 77% of Americans support this legislation, including 70% of Democrats and 75% of Independents.

Americans, whether pro-life or pro-choice, should all be able to agree that once born, all children deserve protection and medical care. However, this common decency has been ignored time and again.

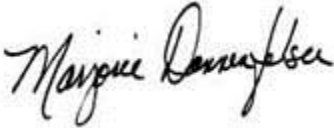
- It is impossible to forget the images from Kermit Gosnell's "House of Horrors" where he "snipped" the spines of abortion survivors.

- Or Jill Stanek's recollection of babies gasping for breath and being left in a hospital soiled utility room to die. One in particular was a 21/22 week baby with Down Syndrome whom she held for 45 minutes before he died.
- And then there are abortion survivors Melissa Ohden and Gianna Jessen, who miraculously survived an attempted abortion. Now adults, they have testified before Congress in defense of the countless babies who were not rescued.
- Most recently, we have heard radical comments by Virginia State Delegate Kathy Tran and Virginia Governor Ralph Northam supporting abortion up to 40 weeks and even after the baby is born.

With growing hostility in certain states, it is incumbent upon the Federal Government to protect these vulnerable born-alive infants. Susan B. Anthony List is proud to endorse H.R. 962, H. Res. 102 and the discharge petition on H.Res. 102.

Signatures on the discharge petition will be taken into consideration positively on our scorecard as if they were a yes vote on H.R. 962. Failure to sign the discharge petition will be considered negatively, as a no vote on H.R. 962.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marjorie Dannenfelser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marjorie Dannenfelser
President
Susan B. Anthony List